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New Library Hours

Beginning the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 6, 2011, the library will be open Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

This is a change from the current operating hours of Monday-Thursday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

For Younger Readers 2008-2009 catalog

The large print edition of For Younger Readers, 2008-2009 is now available. It includes all Braille and cassette books for all ages from preschool through young adult produced by the Library of Congress during 2008-2009. Titles are arranged by nonfiction subject or type of fiction. If you have not already received a copy, (it is orange in color), please check the Reader Response Sheet (page 3 of this newsletter). You may also telephone the library or email the library (blind@utah.gov) to request this item.

This Newsletter Via email and listserv Updates

This newsletter is also available via email. If you would like to receive it via email, please enter your email address on the Reader Response Sheet (page 3 of this newsletter). You may also telephone the library or email the library (blind@utah.gov) to request the newsletter via email.

This will also add you to a listserv that will provide you with other updates on library news, services, and materials.

Patron Service Area

The library has rearranged its public service area to bring it closer to the entrance. Patron internet stations, a CC TV print magnification device, demo digital and cassette talking book machines, and a small browsing library are now located just to the left inside the library's entrance.

One World, Many Stories - Summer Reading 2011

Those library users ages 5-15 may sign up for Summer Reading. Those who report their reading time from June 19th through July 30th will be invited to a summer reading party on August 13th at the Library.

For more information, you may call the Summer Reading Librarian, Sarah Pitkin at 801-715-6793, or in Utah at 800-662-5540, or in Wyoming at 800-453-4293 or email spitkin@utah.gov

Information is also available on the library's website:
blindlibrary.utah.gov

Bessie Oakes Retires

Bessie Oakes retired on January 31, 2011 after working for 36 years at the Utah State Library. Lisa Nelson, Utah State Library Special Services Coordinator was hired as Program Manager and took over responsibilities on February 1, 2011.

Patron Services Survey Online

The patron survey found in the print copy of the See Note Newsletter may be completed online through a link on the library's home page at <http://blindlibrary.utah.gov>

Eligible Institutions Can Now Register with BARD

Institutions that now receive service from the Utah State Library for the Blind and disabled may now register to download audio books from BARD, a website containing digital audio books. Institutions such as nursing homes, hospitals, schools for the blind, public and private schools, and college disability centers may borrow equipment and download audio books and magazines for use by eligible patrons.

Over 20,000 of the books currently available on loan from the library as RCs (Recorded Cassettes) and DBs (Digital Books) are downloadable from BARD. Once the digital audio

file is downloaded to a computer, it can be transferred to a purchased digital book cartridge for play on a library issued digital book machine, to a flash memory drive for play on a library issued digital book machine, or to a player such as the Victor Reader Stream.

To register on BARD, please access an online application page at <https://nlsbard.gov>

There is more information about BARD at <http://blindlibrary.utah.gov>

SHELF Project

The Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled, the library's automation vendor (Keystone Systems), and other libraries for the blind are cooperating to create a national repository of locally recorded digital books called the SHared ELectronic Files (SHELF) Project.

Readers will be able to download locally recorded and produced digital talking books contributed by participating libraries.

The books recorded by Utah are primarily LDS interest, LDS fiction, Utah and Western interest, and Utah and Western history and fiction. Readers will access these downloadable audio books through the library's Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC). This is the same online catalog currently used to order large print, Braille and recorded books from the library. Click on Online Catalog – KLAS at blindlibrary.utah.gov

To use the Online Catalog, readers must know their patron or user ID number. Your patron number appears above your name on the address label of this newsletter. A password must be attached to this ID number. Please call the library to set up a password.

This service is designed to complement the BARD service of the Library of Congress by giving readers access to locally as well as nationally produced books.

Plans are to launch this service in July 2011.

The Utah State Library will have some of its books on the site by the end of July 2011.

Crafters Wanted

The Utah Council of the Blind is looking for crafters to participate in their second annual Holiday Boutique. It is open to all blind, visually impaired, or disabled crafters. The boutique will be held at the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired building at 250 N 1950 W in Salt Lake City from Nov 8th through Nov 11th. For more information, please call Arlene Hinman at 801-294-7564 or email her at ucbvista@gmail.com

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UCB Convention Features Elizabeth Smart

The Utah Council of the Blind will hold its annual convention on the August 19-20, 2011 at the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 250 North 1950 West in Salt Lake City. The featured speaker is Elizabeth Smart. She will speak just after the barbeque on Friday evening.

The focus of this year's convention is recreation and travel. Activities to be highlighted are rock climbing, tandem bike riding, horseback riding, backpacking, river running, skydiving, and more. Plans are to have state people available to sign people up for free fishing licenses and park passes.

There will be indoor panels by cab companies and UTA consisting of open discussions about transportation concerns. Local field trips on UTA buses, Trax and Frontrunner are being arranged. Field trips to the airport are planned to inform travelers about the

accommodations specific to their disability and what services are available. The airport will have a shuttle bus on site to explain the accommodations made for disabled travelers. Trains, cruises, and plane travel will be presented along with a professional on how to pack in a limited amount of space.

Of course, there will be loads of fun, lots of prizes, and plenty to eat. Register at the Utah Connection at 801-299-0670 or 1-800-273-4569. The event costs \$30.00 which can be paid to Utah Council of the Blind, 1301 West 500 South, Woods Cross, Utah 84087. Stipends are available.

If you would like to come, but live some distance from Salt Lake, please call to see what can be done to accommodate you. There are Americorps workers in your area who may be willing to help. Call 801-292-1156 to learn more.



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